

**United States House of Representatives  
Committee on Appropriations  
Project Request Summary**

**Subcommittee, Agency and Account Information**

**Subcommittee**

Agriculture

**Agency**

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

**Account**

CSREES

**Project Information**

**Project Name:**

Comer Youth Education Garden

**Amount Requested:**

\$157,000

**Project Description:**

Expansion of Urban Agriculture and Youth Education in the Greater Grand Crossing Neighborhood to serve as a model for sustainable urban farming methods, youth career development, economic development and job and food security. The purpose of expanding urban agriculture in this neighborhood is to provide citizens a living example of a sustainable, green economy. The target audience is the neighborhood's youth. A "youth education garden" will be expanded to teach and experience local sustainability through planting, growing and cooking nutritious food. The youth education garden will incorporate a science and math curricula as well as nutrition and health education programming. Through partnerships with local schools, the youth education garden will act as a living classroom and provide hands-on education. By developing internships and jobs, the youth education garden will illustrate to youth the benefit of green careers including urban agriculture. The garden will also create local jobs and produce a local food source for the community.

**Intended Recipient of Funds**

Comer Youth Education Garden

7200 S. Ingleside Ave.

Chicago, IL 60619

**Explanation of the request:**

Job training, education, and a safe environment for children to learn a skill and healthy living habits and nutrition are all worthy investments in our nation's youth. This is considered an after school and summer activity that is similarly funded through other federal programs, as this is an innovative program that incorporates key priority areas of the President and Congress.